

Our media is not serving the public interest. The lack of serious coverage of the issues confronting us from terrorism, the invasion of Iraq to economic concerns including Social Security and outsourcing is driven by the needs of the large corporations that own stations.

Sinclair Broadcasting's recent decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is yet another example of the dangers of media consolidation. It is blatantly unfair and driven by the agenda of owners not public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you.